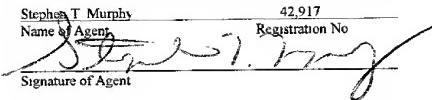


"Express Mail" mailing label number EJ677201739US

Date of Deposit January 10, 2002

I hereby certify that this paper/fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

Stephen T. Murphy
Name of Agent

Signature of Agent

42,917
Registration No.

Case 7494CC

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Continuation Application of Parent Case :

Parent Case :

Peter W. Hamilton et al. :

Serial No. 09/758,753 : Group Art Unit 1732

Filed January 11, 2001 : Examiner: L. Tentoni

For High Speed Embossing and Adhesive :
Printing Process and Apparatus

PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

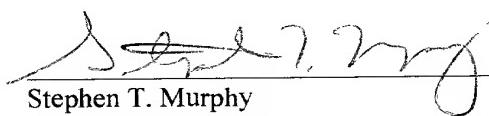
Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The Continuation Application of the above identified application, submitted herewith claims embodiments of the high speed embossing and printing process, which are disclosed in the combination of the parent application and U.S. Patent No. 5,871,607, incorporated by reference in the parent application at page 1, lines 18-19. This Continuation Application specifically claims embodiments of the high speed processes comprising the step of applying a renewable release agent to the outer surface of the first embossing roll so that the substance will be preferentially attracted to the material web. Antecedent basis for this embodiment is found in the incorporated Patent 5,871,607 at Col. 10, Line 56-61 and Figure 5. Applicant's point out that the reference numerals from the incorporated patent have been corrected to be consistent with the numerals of the parent application.

Respectfully submitted,


Stephen T. Murphy
Agent for Applicants
Registration No. 42,917
(513) 634-4268

January 10, 2002
Cincinnati, Ohio